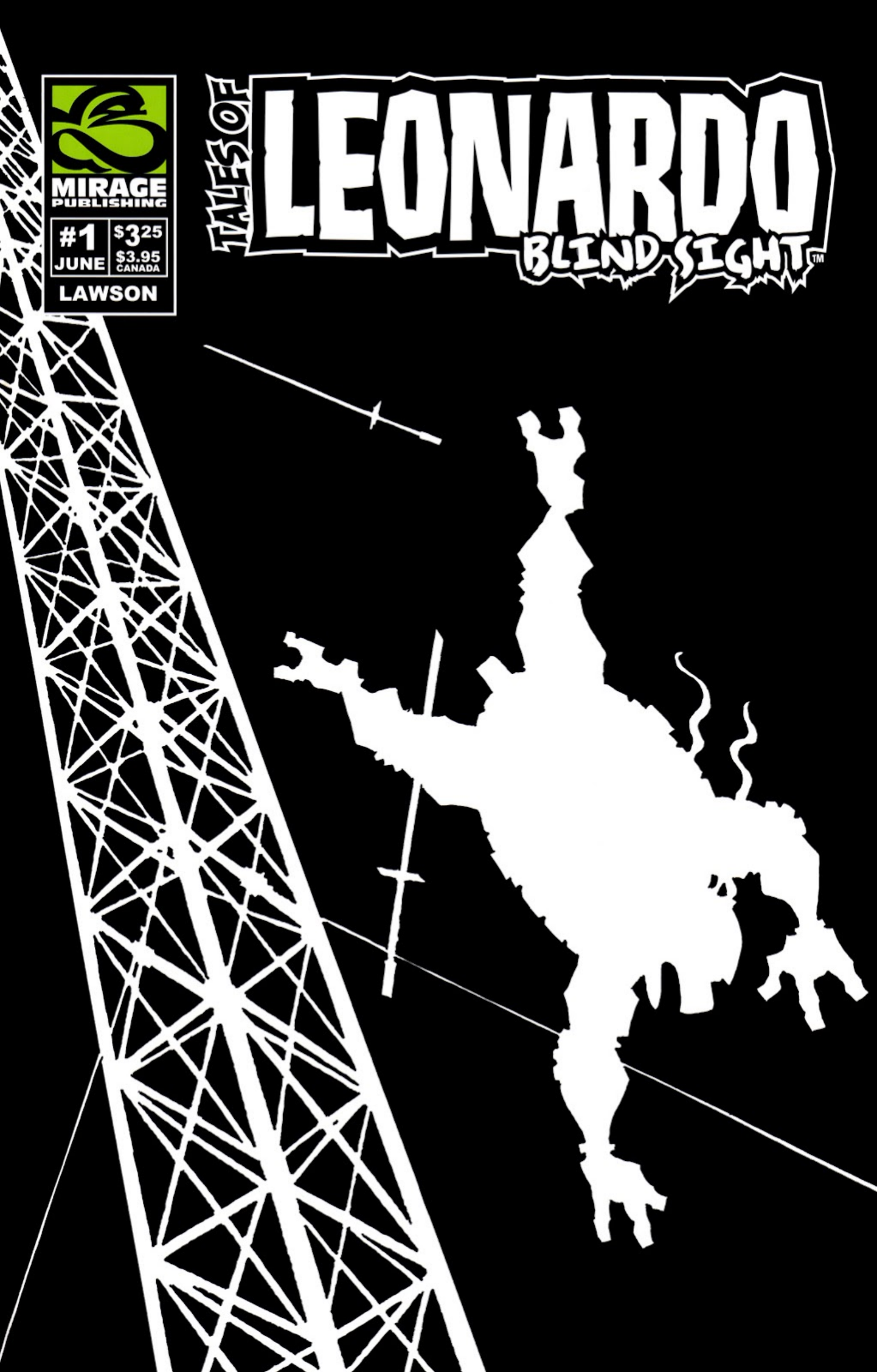
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LEONARDO WAS AMBUSHED IN AN ALLEY BY A CHARACTER WHO ONLY IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A FORMER FOOT SOLDIER. WOUNDED BY HIS ATTACKER'S TETSU-BISHI, LEO FOUND HIMSELF BLINDED - THE TIPS OF THE CALTROPS TREATED WITH SOME UNKNOWN TOXIN.

REVENGE WAS THE MOTIVE FOR THIS ATTACK. IN SOME UNKNOWN BATTLE IN LEO'S PAST -AND QUITE ACCIDENTALLY- LEO HAD CAUSED THIS NINJA TO BECOME BLIND. THE DESIRE TO MAKE LEO PAY FOR WHAT HAD BEEN DONE TO HIM HAD DRIVEN THE BLIND NINJA TO DEVELOP HIS SKILLS AND SENSES TO A LEVEL WHERE HIS SIGHT WENT BEYOND THE VISUAL.

THE NINJA'S GOAL WAS NOT TO KILL LEONARDO BUT TO MAKE HIM SUFFER. AT THE END OF THE FIRST CHAPTER IN THIS STORY (*TALES OF THE TMNT VOL. 2 #5*), THE NINJA SUCCEEDED. FOR NOT ONLY DID HE LEAVE LEO BLIND, HE ALSO CAUSED THE TURTLE TO TAKE AN INNOCENT LIFE....

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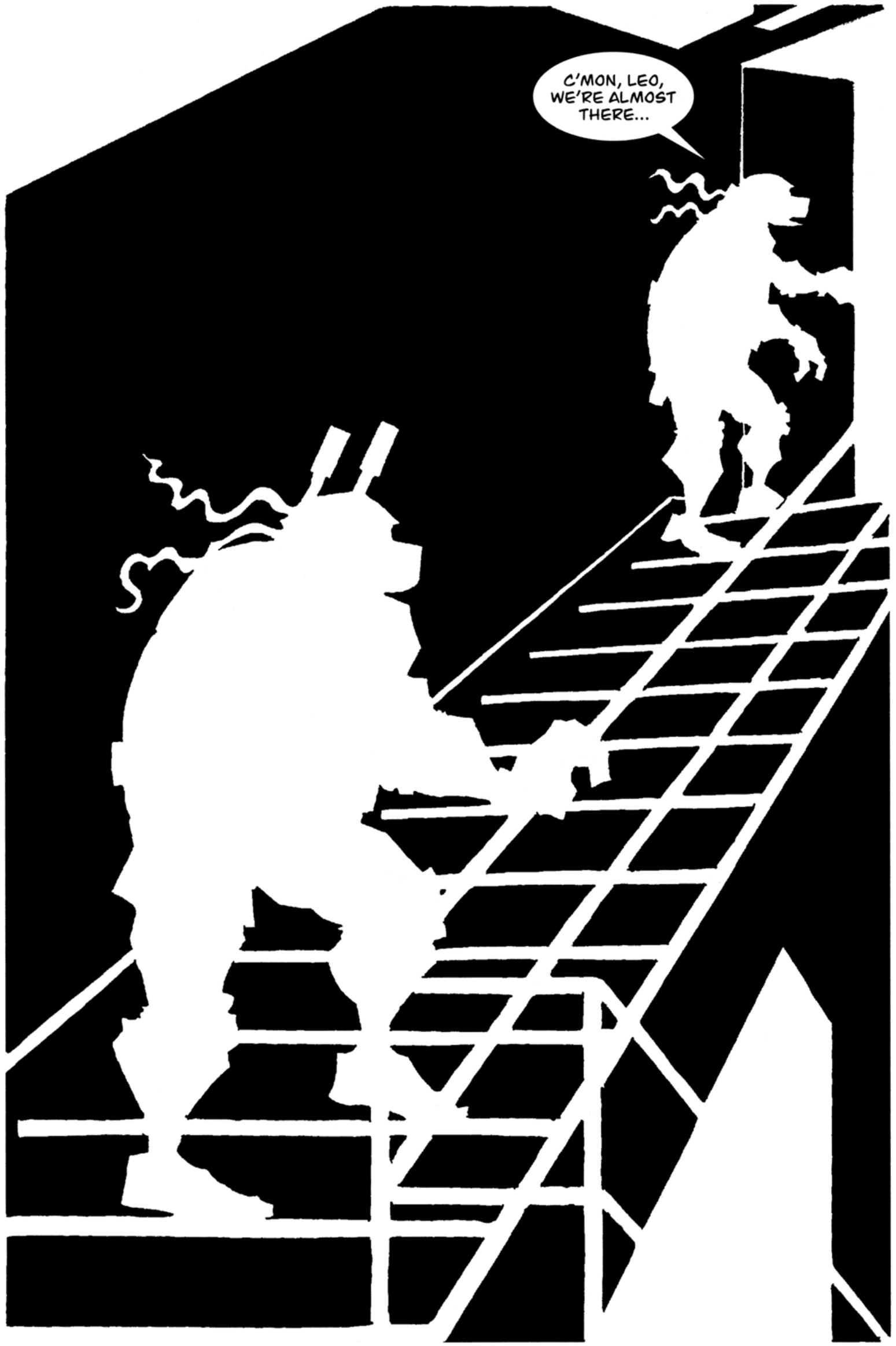
C'MON, LEO, WE'RE ALMOST THERE...

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DON'S GOING TO FIND THE ANTIDOTE, I KNOW.
THE TESTING'S NOT GOING TOO WELL.
WHAT? HE TOLD YOU THAT?
NO. HE TOLD ME JUST THE OPPOSITE.
HE TOLD ME WHATEVER TOXIN IS IN MY BODY MIGHT WEAR OFF ON ITS OWN.
HE TOLD ME TO REMAIN HOPEFUL...
...BUT I CAN HEAR IT IN HIS VOICE.
HEAR WHAT?
DOUBT. AND FEAR.

I'M STARTING TO FORGET WHAT THINGS LOOK LIKE. I SEE THE IMAGES IN MY HEAD BUT THE DETAILS, I CAN'T REMEMBER THEM.
I GUESS I ALWAYS TOOK THEM FOR GRANTED.
MIKE, DID YOU EVER WONDER... ABOUT US? ABOUT WHAT OUR PURPOSE IS?
I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT YOU MEAN. I GUESS WE'RE WARRIORS.
YEAH, THAT'S KIND OF WHAT I THINK, TOO.
BUT WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING AGAINST?
AND... IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN WHAT IF I WERE TO TAKE OFF MY SWORDS AND CAST THEM OFF THE EDGE OF THIS ROOF?
THEN WHAT WOULD I BE?
AM I THOSE SWORDS? AM I SIMPLY A WEAPON?

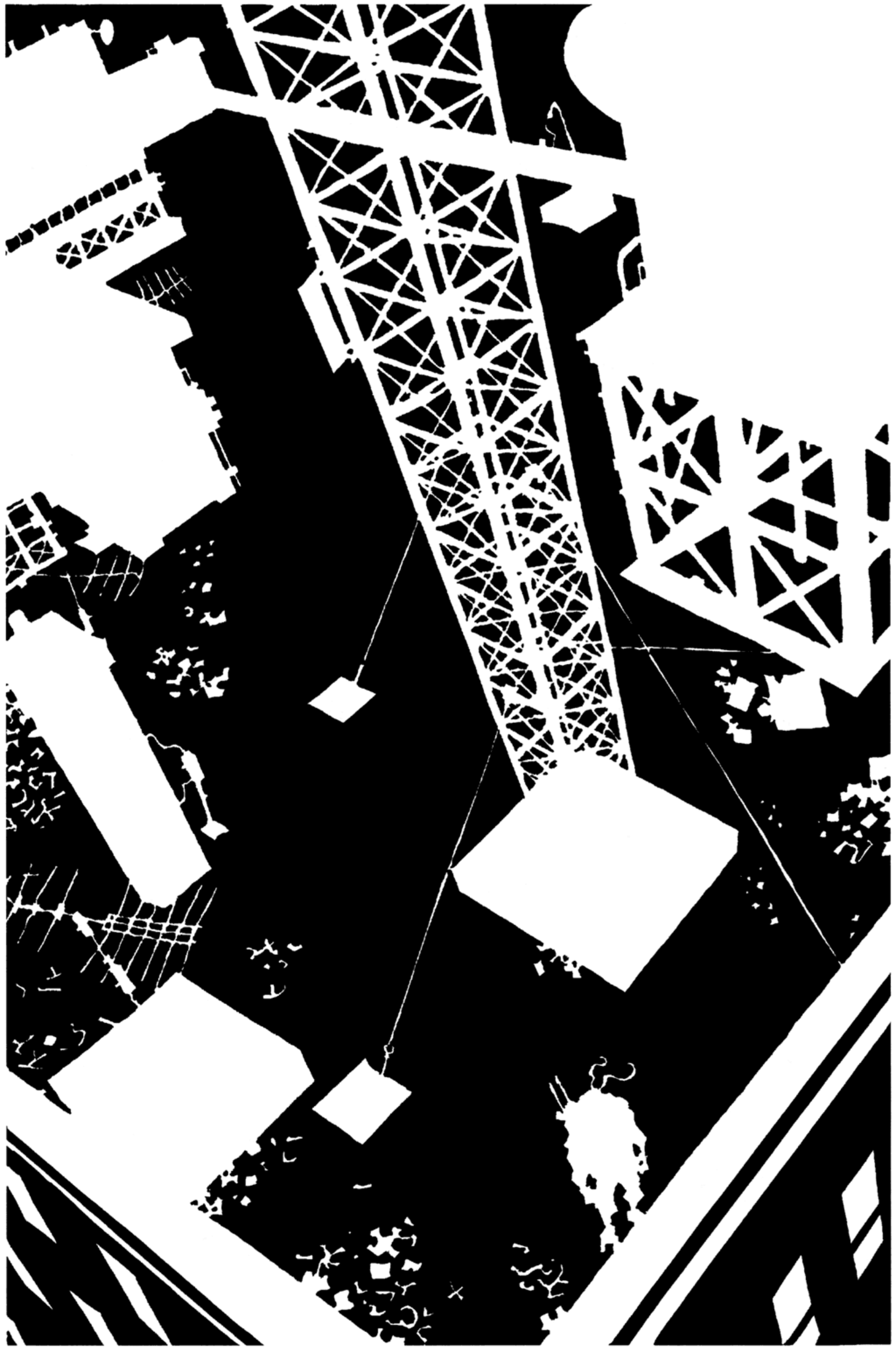
UH, MAYBE I SHOULD GO GET SPLINTER...
IT'S NOT WRONG TO QUESTION THINGS, MIKE. THERE SIMPLY COMES A POINT WHEN ONE'S SKILLS ARE NOT ENOUGH.

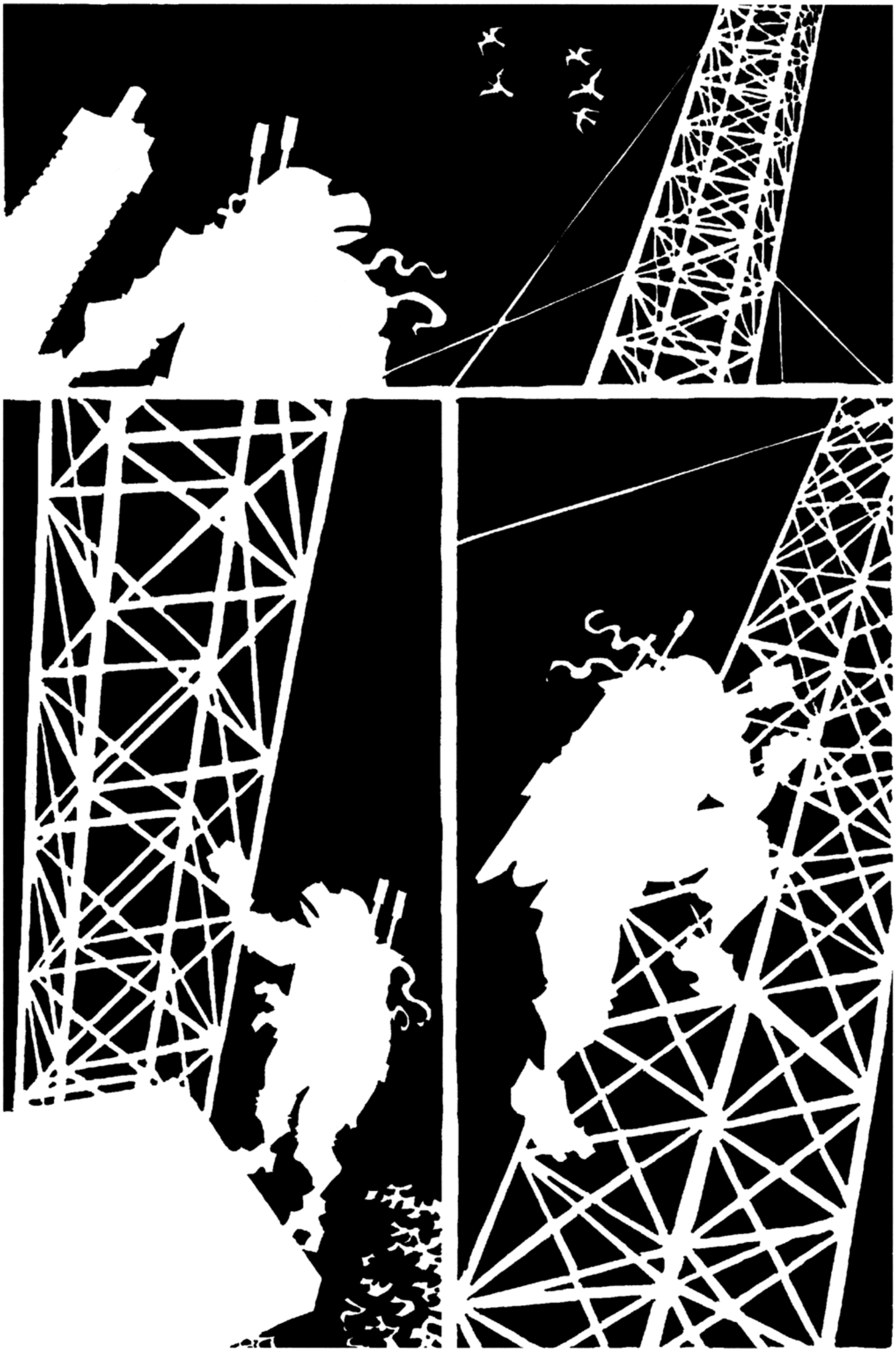
WHOA, MAN. LET'S GO BACK DOWNSTAIRS AND HAVE A BEER.
I KNOW... I'M THINKING TOO MUCH.
YOU GO AHEAD. IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D KIND OF LIKE TO BE ALONE.

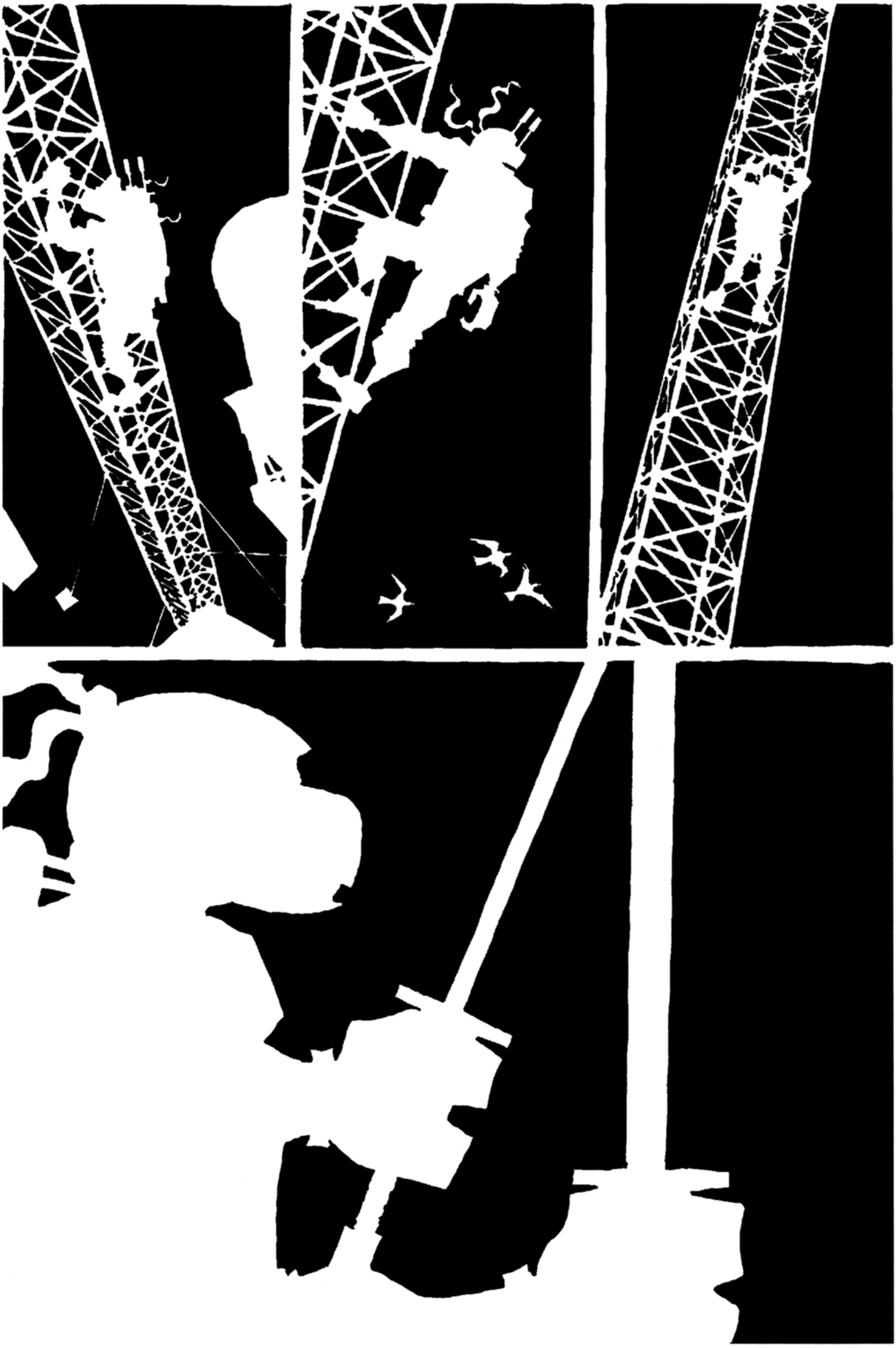
ARE YOU SURE?

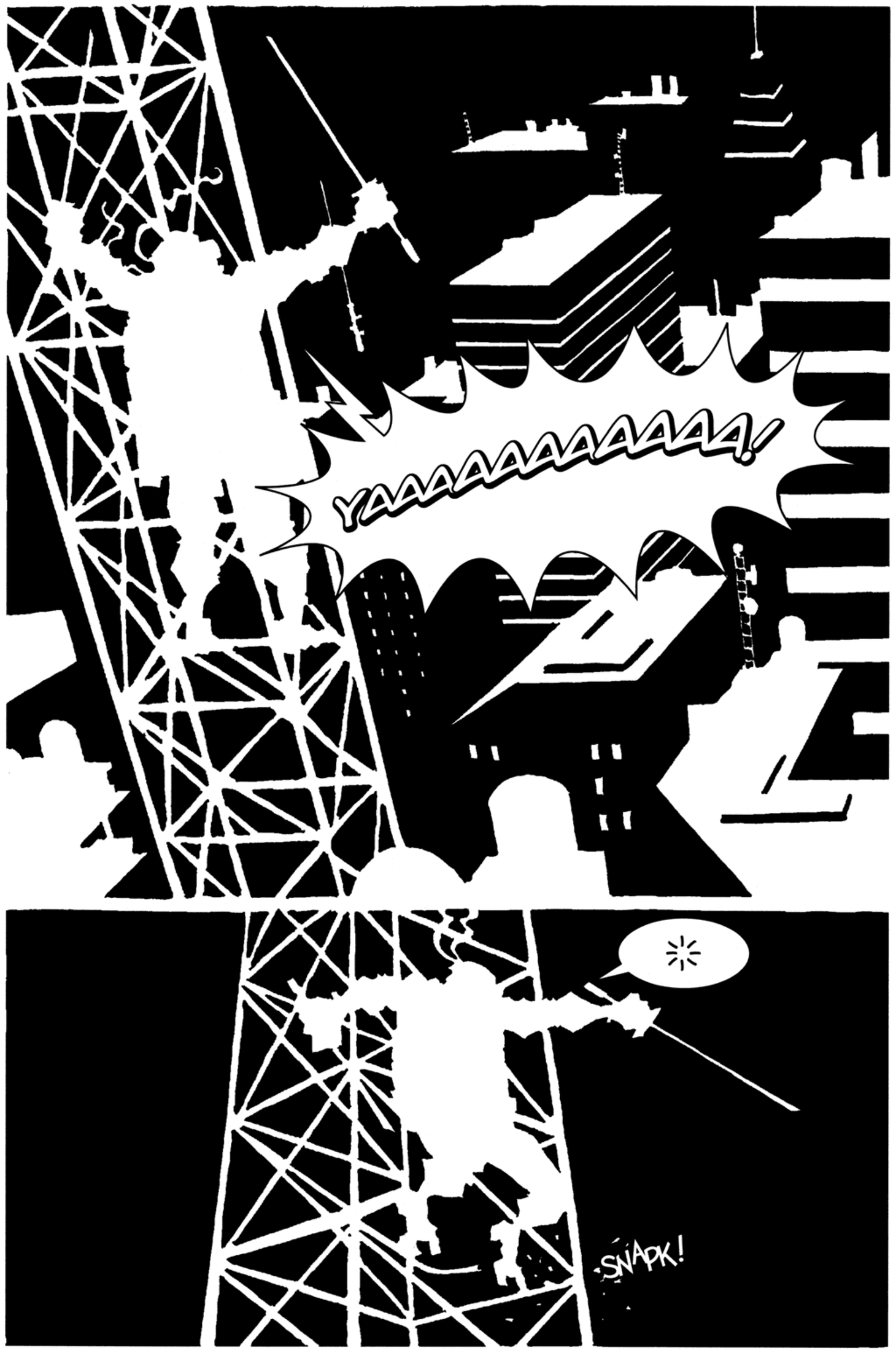
YEAH. I'M SORRY. I'M NOT REALLY GOOD COMPANY TONIGHT.

OKAY...





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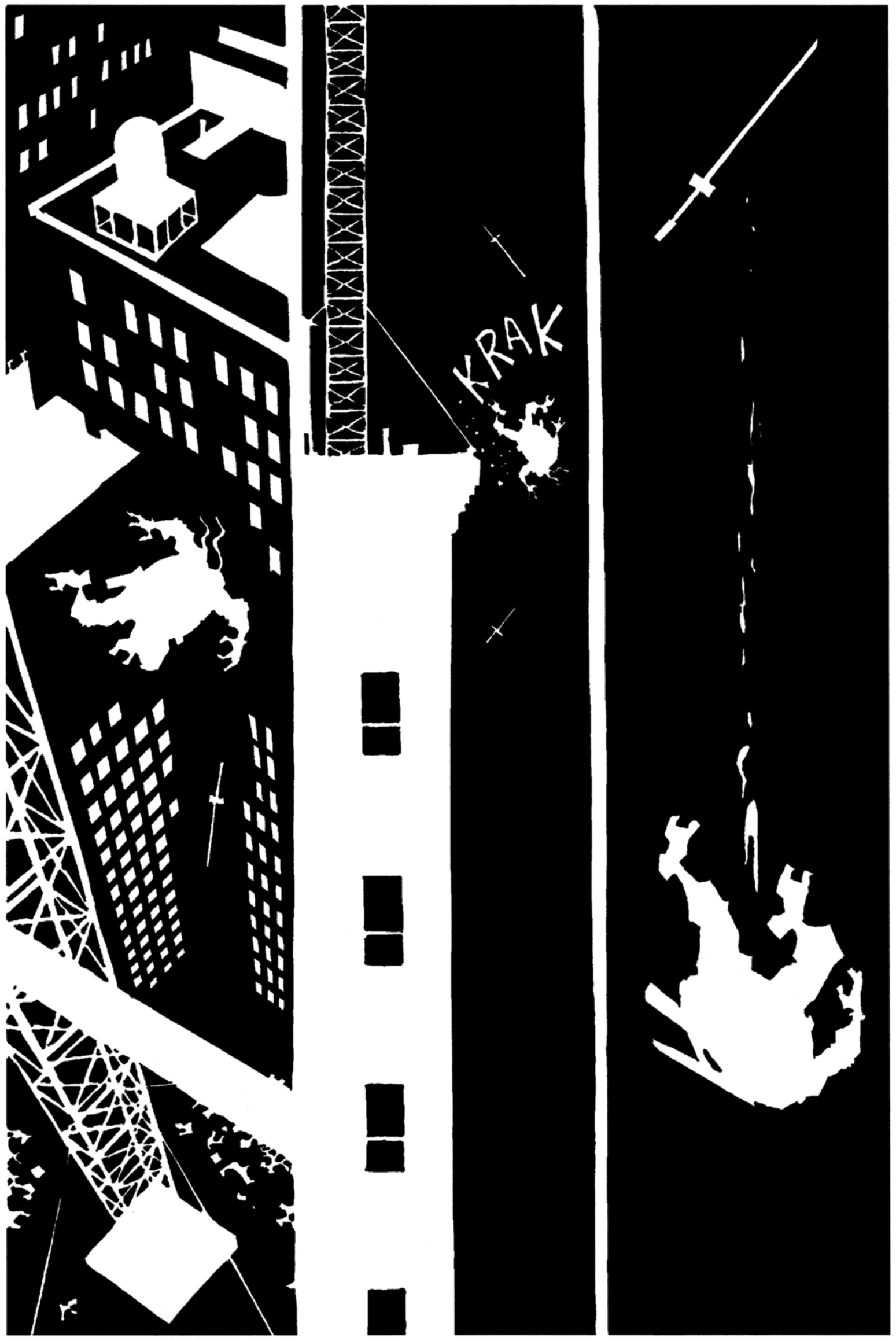
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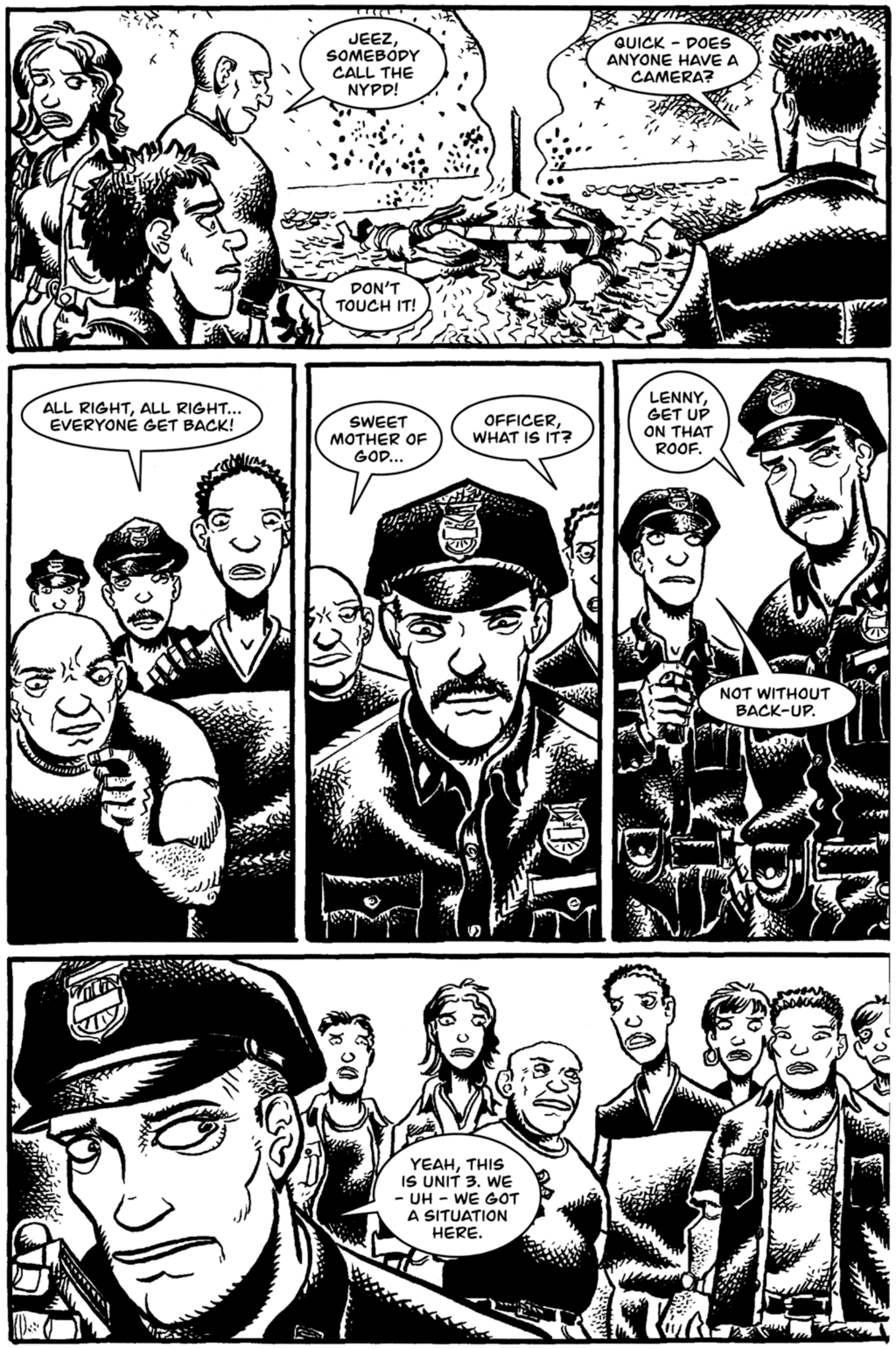
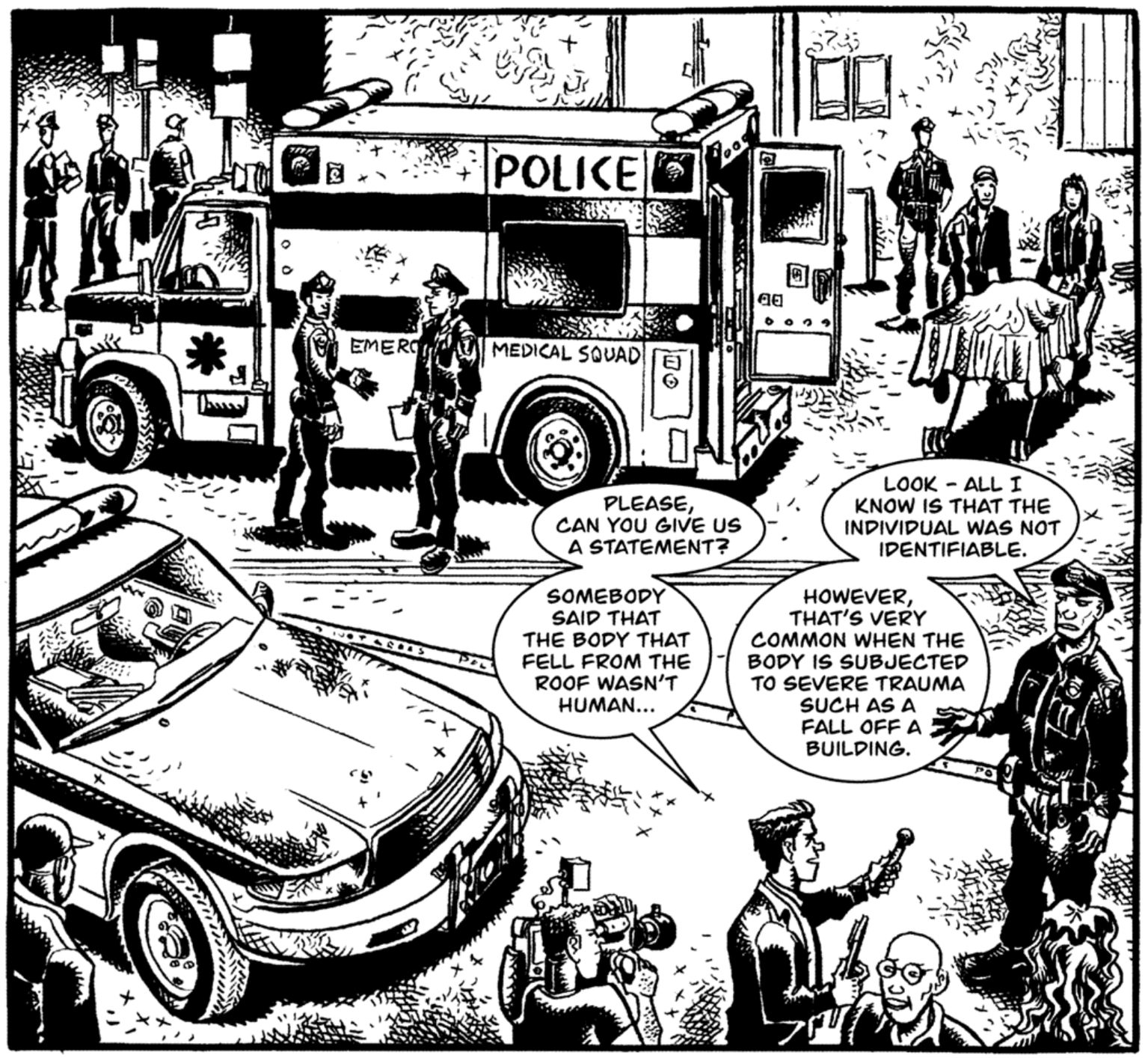

JEEZ, SOMEBODY CALL THE NYPD!
QUICK - DOES ANYONE HAVE A CAMERA?
DON'T TOUCH IT!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT... EVERYONE GET BACK!
SWEET MOTHER OF GOD...
OFFICER, WHAT IS IT?
LENNY, GET UP ON THAT ROOF.
NOT WITHOUT BACK-UP.
YEAH, THIS IS UNIT 3. WE - UH - WE GOT A SITUATION HERE.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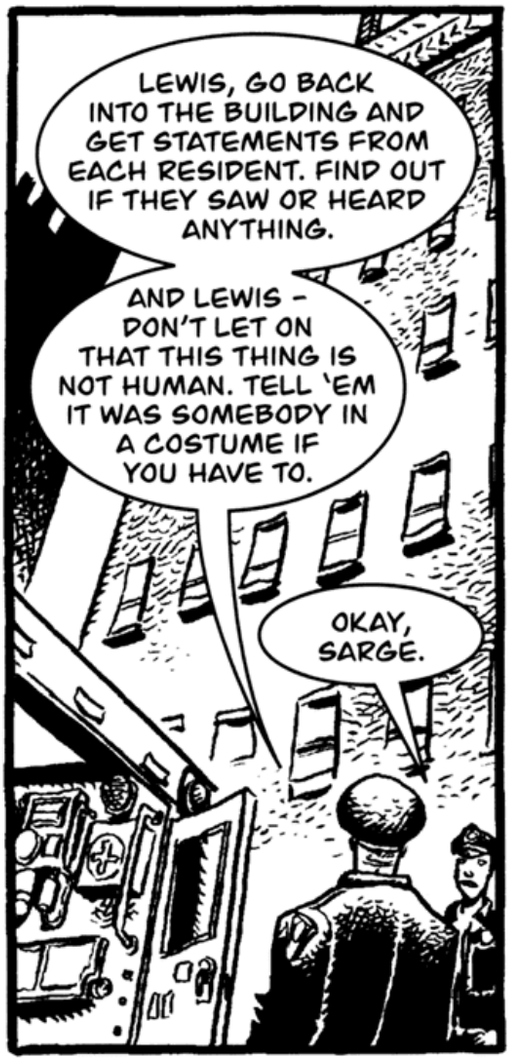
PLEASE, CAN YOU GIVE US A STATEMENT?
LOOK - ALL I KNOW IS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WAS NOT IDENTIFIABLE.
SOMEBODY SAID THAT THE BODY THAT FELL FROM THE ROOF WASN'T HUMAN...
HOWEVER, THAT'S VERY COMMON WHEN THE BODY IS SUBJECTED TO SEVERE TRAUMA SUCH AS A FALL OFF A BUILDING.

SERGEANT.
HOLD UP A SECOND... THANK GOD YOU'RE HERE. YOU GOTTA SEE THIS.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
THIS IS REAL?
AS REAL AS ME. IT'S FREAKING GUTS ARE SPILLING OUT ALL OVER THE PLACE.

HEY SARGE – THE BUILDING IS CLEAN.
THERE'S DAMAGE TO THE CORNICE OF THE ROOF AND, ABOVE IT, A BROKEN STRUT ON THE RADIO TOWER.

I'M GUESSING THAT WHATEVER THIS THING WAS, IT WAS UP ON THE TOWER AND EITHER SLIPPED OR DOVE...
THE BROKEN STRUT WOULD INDICATE THIS WAS ACCIDENTAL.
LEWIS


LEWIS, GO BACK INTO THE BUILDING AND GET STATEMENTS FROM EACH RESIDENT. FIND OUT IF THEY SAW OR HEARD ANYTHING.
AND LEWIS – DON'T LET ON THAT THIS THING IS NOT HUMAN. TELL 'EM IT WAS SOMEBODY IN A COSTUME IF YOU HAVE TO.
OKAY, SARGE.

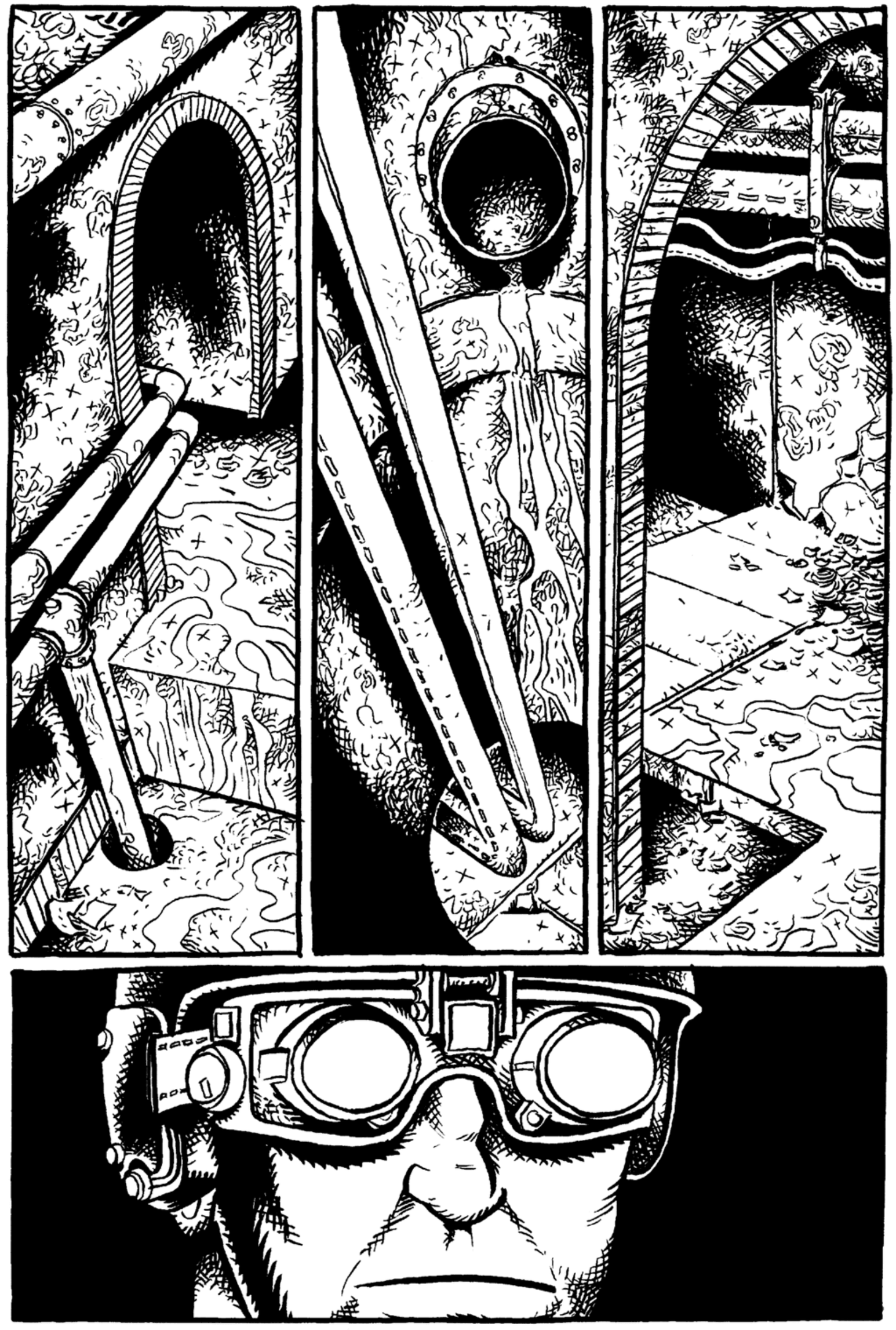
JEEZ. WHAT A MESS.

WERE THERE ANY WITNESSES?
YEAH. WE'RE GETTING STATEMENTS NOW. CHECK THIS OUT...
A SWORD. LOOKS LIKE THE KIND USED IN MARTIAL ARTS.
IT'S CALLED A KATANA. HE HAD TWO OF THEM.
ONE WAS FOUND BESIDE HIM AND THE OTHER THROUGH HIM.
THROUGH HIM?
YEAH. SKEWERED. SEVERAL WITNESSES HEARD A SCREAM...
LIKE A PRIMAL SCREAM AND THEN SECONDS LATER SAW THE SWORD HIT THE SIDEWALK FOLLOWED BY THE, UH... BODY.
GET THE BODY TO THE MORGUE. I'VE GOT TO MAKE SOME PHONE CALLS.
UN-FREAKIN-BELIEVABLE.

JOSIE, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET DR. LANSING, HE'S OUR MEDICAL EXAMINER. DR. LANSING THIS IS JOSIE MARCH, A CRYPTOZOOLOGIST.
NICE TO MEET YOU. SO, THIS IS OUR SUBJECT?
YES. I DID A VERY CURSORY EXAM.
AS YOU CAN SEE THERE IS A LOT OF DAMAGE TO THE BODY...
NUMEROUS BROKEN BONES AS WELL AS FRACTURES TO THE, UH... CARAPACE AND, UH... PLASTRON.
IT'S A TURTLE.
HALF-TURTLE, I GUESS YOU'D SAY. A NUMBER OF ASPECTS TO ITS PHYSIOLOGY APPEAR TO BE HUMAN-LIKE.
WHERE DID IT COME FROM? ARE THERE MORE?

AMAZINGLY, WE PULLED A PAIR OF FINGERPRINTS FROM THE BACK OF HIS SHELL THAT, ALTHOUGH SIMILAR, DON'T MATCH HIS...INDICATING THAT THERE'S AT LEAST ONE MORE OF THEM...
AND THIS CREATURE WAS INTELLIGENT?
THE WEAPONS AND THE OUTFIT WE FOUND HIM WEARING SEEM TO POINT TO THAT.
MAYBE HE WAS PUSHED BY HIS FRIEND.
I ALMOST HESITATE TO SAY THIS BUT... COULD HE BE AN ALIEN?
HE APPEARS TO BE MORE OF A... MUTATION. GRANTED, WE'RE STILL RUNNING TESTS...
I'D LIKE TO TAKE SOME TISSUE SAMPLES.
THE PRESS IS DEMANDING TO KNOW JUST WHAT IT IS WE HAVE...

OH, DETECTIVE, THERE'S ONE MORE THING.
WHAT'S THAT?
WE TOOK A DIRT SAMPLE OFF THE BOTTOM OF THE SUBJECT'S FEET.
IT SHOWED A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF A MINERAL KNOWN AS SCHIST...
A VEIN OF SCHIST RUNS UNDER THE ISLAND OF MANHATTAN AND IS EXPOSED IN ONLY A FEW PLACES, MOST NOTABLY IN THE CITY'S SEWER SYSTEM.
QUITE POSSIBLY, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO REFINE THE MINERAL COMPOSITION TO AN EXACT LOCATION...



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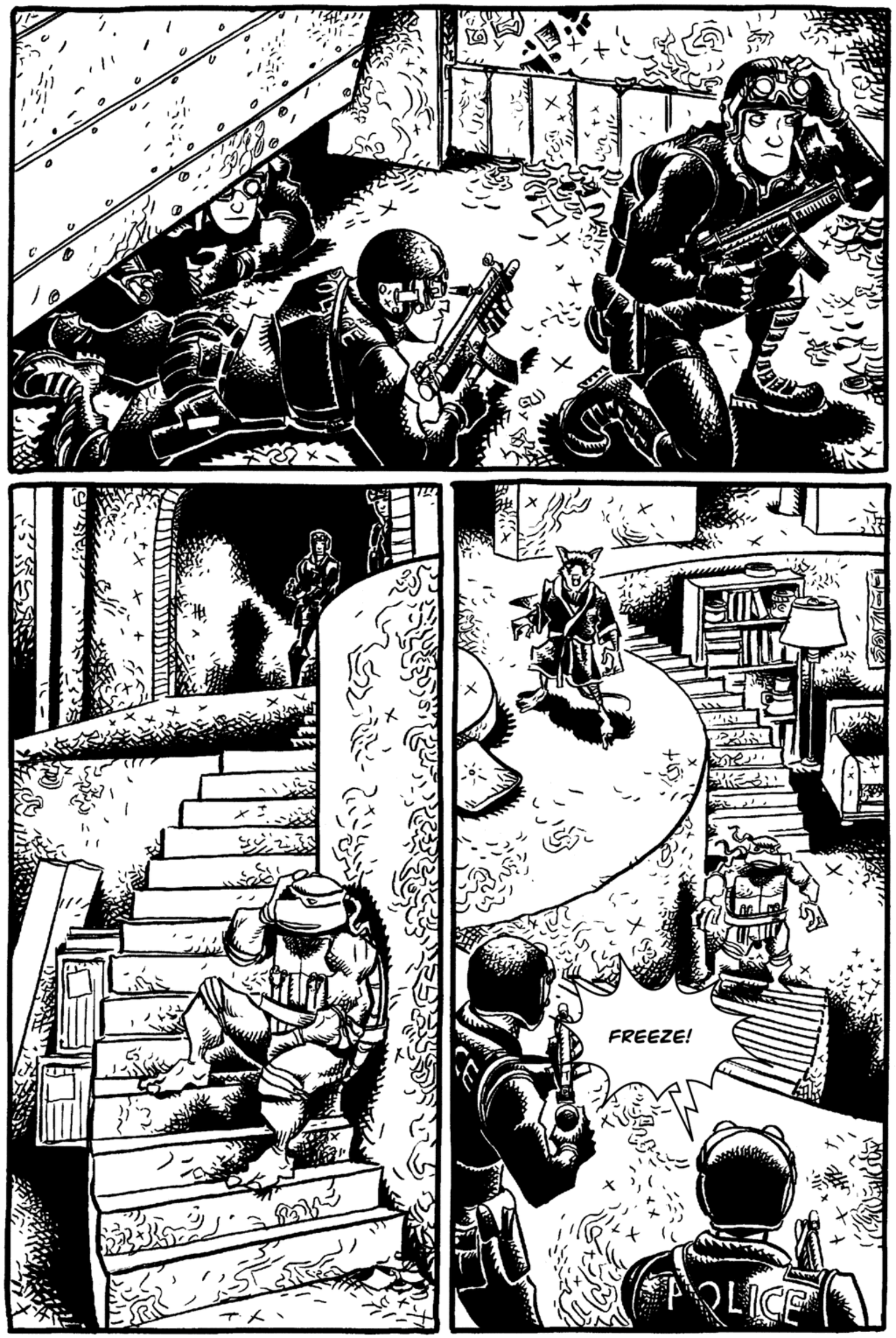
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URK!
BRRAP!
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RAPH...
NO.
BLAM!
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BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
DAMMIT!

GET THESE CREATURES CUFFED. I DON'T WANT ANY MORE CASUALTIES.

SPREAD OUT – ALPHA FORMATION. I WANT THIS ENTIRE COMPLEX SECURED.

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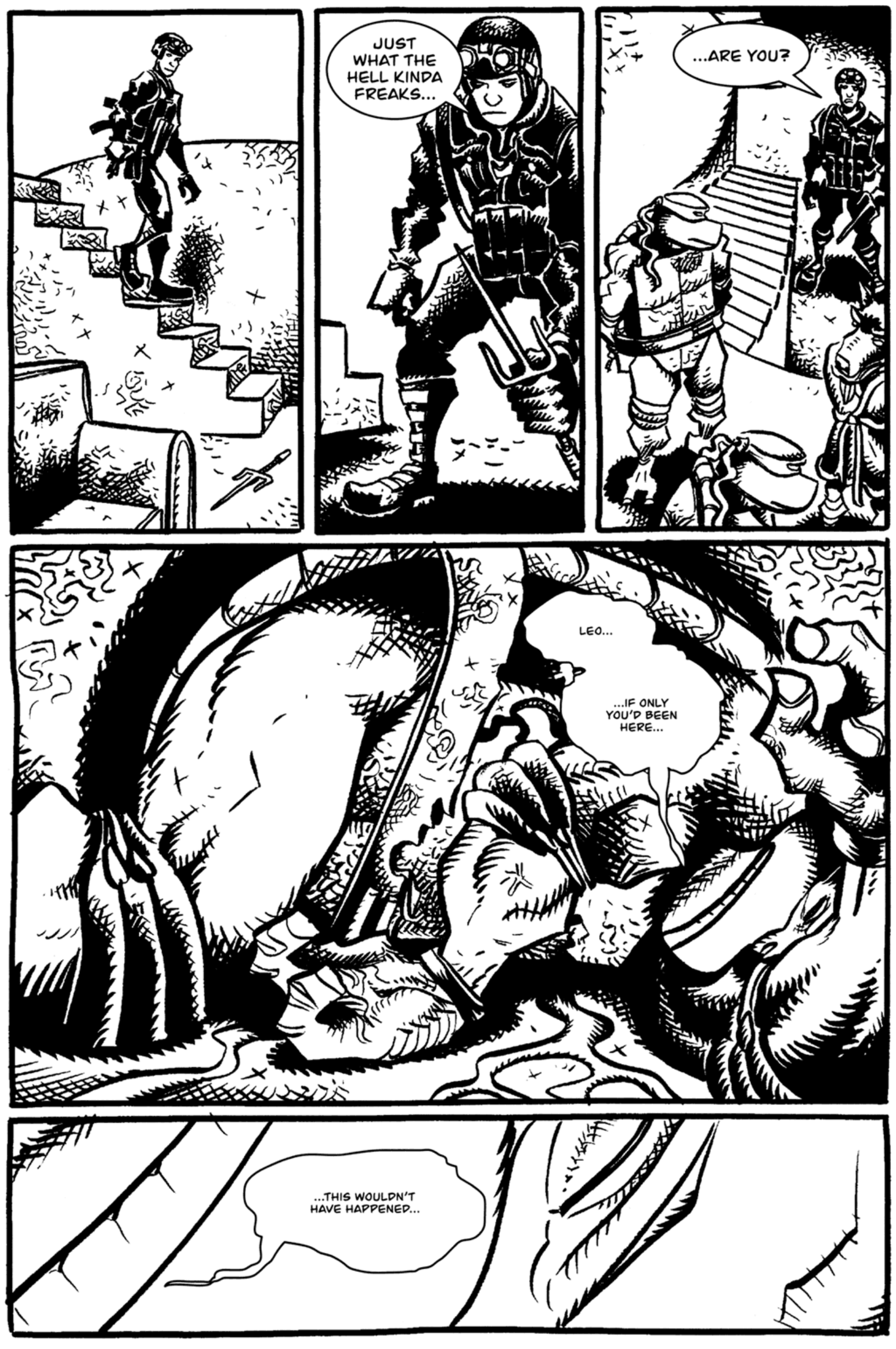
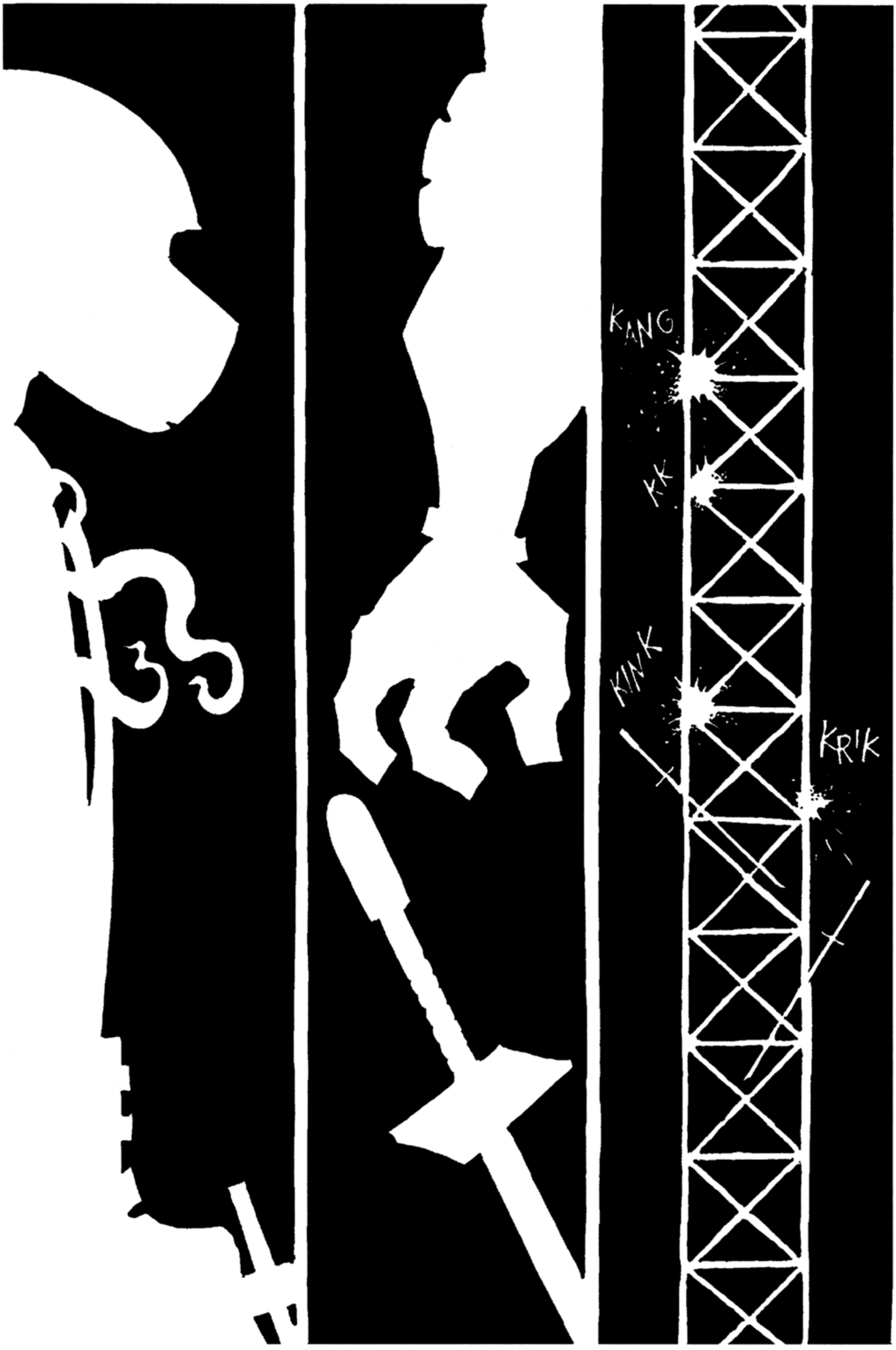

JUST WHAT THE HELL KINDA FREAKS...
...ARE YOU?
LEO...
...IF ONLY YOU'D BEEN HERE...
...THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED...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